

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND 2004 PRE-CONVENTION AGENDA

MARRIOTT GEOGRAPHY AND ELEVATORS

The levels and floors of the Marriott Marquis (beginning at the lowest level and moving upward) are designated as follows: Exhibition Level, Convention Level, Lobby Level, Garden Level, and floors 1-47.

There are fifteen high-speed elevators, which are divided into four sets serving the various levels. All of the elevators in the main bank stop on Convention Level, Lobby Level, Garden Level, tenth floor (also known as the Skyline Level), and a specific group of numbered floors. The groups of numbered floors are as follows: one through seventeen; eighteen through thirty; thirty-one through forty-one; and forty-two through forty-seven. The main elevators do not go to the Exhibition Level. It may be reached by using a separate pair of Exhibition Level elevators which stop on parking garage one, parking garage two, the Exhibition Level, and the Convention Level or by using the escalators.

The Marquis Ballroom extends from east to west along the north wall of the Convention Level. The Imperial Ballroom occupies the south wall of the Convention Level across from the Marquis Ballroom. At the east end of the Convention Level are the Exhibition Level escalators and Exhibition Level elevators. At the east end of the Exhibition Level there is an exit from the hotel to Courtland Street, where the Hilton and Sheraton Hotels are located. At the west end are the main escalators which connect the Convention Level, the Lobby Level, and the Garden Level.

Meeting rooms are arranged in Clusters as follows:

Cluster 1 - southeast corner of the Convention Level

Cluster 2 - southwest corner of the Convention Level

Cluster 3 - west end of the Convention Level

Cluster 4 - southeast corner of the Lobby Level

Executive Conference Center - southwest corner of the Lobby

Level

Cluster 5 - far west end of the Garden Level (This area is above the courtyard at the front entrance of the hotel, so it actually appears that you are leaving the hotel as you enter the walkway leading to these rooms.)



ROOKIE ROUNDUP

All first-time convention attendees are cordially invited to attend a reception at 8:00 pm on Tuesday, June 29, in the Marquis Ballroom 1, Convention Level.

REGISTRATION, TICKET SALES, AND DANCE

Registration: 9:00 am Wednesday, June 30, Imperial Ballroom A on the Convention Level. Registration is \$15 per person. All convention attendees

(both local and out-of-town people) should register. Proof of convention registration is required to receive the special hotel room rates. Cost of the banquet on Sunday, July 4, is \$35.00, purchased at registration. Exhibits: 9:30 am to 5:30 pm on June 30, International Ballroom on the Exhibition Level. Dance to music that is as diverse as Atlanta itself on June 29 at 7:45 pm to midnight, Imperial B Ballroom on the Convention Level.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Presidential suite is 4712. All matters dealing with convention arrangements should be referred to Mary Ellen Jernigan, chairman of convention organization and activities, suite 4730. Georgia suite (Anil Lewis, president) is 3814. The Georgia affiliate will have a table near the hotel check-in desk in the lobby to provide assistance and hospitality.

SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 2004

7:30 am--EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SEMINAR

Tigris Room, Lobby Level, Cluster 4

NFB HAM RADIO GROUP

D. Curtis Willoughby (KA0VBA), Chairperson

8:00 - 11:30 am--*AS THE TWIG IS BENT*--NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF PARENTS OF BLIND CHILDREN (NOPBC) PARENTS SEMINAR

Marquis Salon 1, Convention Level

Barbara Cheadle, President. Fees include NOPBC membership and all NOPBC events during the week: \$10, one adult, no children; \$15, one adult plus children; and \$25, two adults plus children.

8:00 - 9:00 am: Registration

9:00 - 11:30 am: General Session

8:30 am--NFB CAMP: IT'S MORE THAN CHILD'S PLAY (CHILD CARE)

McKenzie/Rio Grande/Yukon Rooms, Lobby Level, Cluster 4

Please see "Special Attention" section of agenda for further information. (Pre-registration by June 15 was required.)

8:30 am - 4:30 pm--IBTC-SPONSORED TECHNOLOGY SEMINARS

8:30 - 10:00 am--Microsoft Word XP for Beginners

Copenhagen Room, Convention Level, Cluster 1

(beginning and intermediate users)

8:30 - 10:00 am--Braille from the Ether

Amsterdam Room, Convention Level, Cluster 1
(intermediate and advanced Duxbury users interested in learning tips and tricks for formatting materials from the Net and beyond)

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IBTC-SPONSORED TECHNOLOGY SEMINARS, Cont'd.

10:30 am - Noon--Microsoft Word XP: The Rest of the Story

Copenhagen Room, Convention Level, Cluster 1
(intermediate and advanced users of Word XP and those moving from Word 2000 to XP)

10:30 am - Noon--eBooks: Are Cassettes a Thing of the Past?

Amsterdam Room, Convention Level, Cluster 1
(for all interested in the latest developments in playback equipment, sources, and the future of eBooks)

1:00 - 2:30 pm--Tactile Graphics: A Touching Experience

Copenhagen Room, Convention Level, Cluster 1
(cosponsored by the IBTC and NOPBC for parents, teachers, and all who are interested in learning about specialized graphics technology intended for the blind)

1:00 - 2:30 pm--Excel for Beginners

Amsterdam Room, Convention Level, Cluster 1
(beginning and intermediate users)

3:00 - 4:30 pm--Tactile Graphics: More Touching Experiences

Copenhagen Room, Convention Level, Cluster 1
(for parents, teachers, and all who are interested in using models, construction toys, and other techniques to create hands-on experiences)

3:00 - 4:30 pm--Notetakers and Your Desktop

Amsterdam Room, Convention Level, Cluster 1
(beginning to intermediate users of Braille notetakers who

want to learn about
connecting them to a desktop computer).

**8:30 am - 5:00 pm--NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND REHABILITATION
CONFERENCE: Essentials for Effective Orientation and Mobility Professionals
Magnolia Room, Convention Level, Cluster 2**

Sponsored jointly by the Professional Development and Research Institute
on Blindness, Louisiana Tech University (Ron Gardner, Director), the
National Association of Blind Rehabilitation Professionals (Shawn Mayo,
President), and the National Blindness Professional Certification Board
(James Omvig, President)

Conference Co-Chairpersons: Dr. Ron Ferguson and Christine Brown

8:30 - 9:00 am: Registration (no cost to attend)

9:00 am -Noon: Morning session

Noon - 2:00 pm: Working lunch

2:00 - 5:00 pm: Afternoon session

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9:00 am - 1:00 pm--JAWS FOR WINDOWS 5.1 SEMINAR

Bonn Room, Convention Level, Cluster 3

Explore and customize the exciting new Speech and Sounds Manager, learn
how to
configure JAWS in Excel, Word, and even on the Internet. First-hand
demonstrations
of JAWS running with new Internet-based authorization, remote desktop
systems, and
a Citrix Solution.

Presented by Eric Damery, JAWS Product Manager, Freedom Scientific

10:00- 11:00 am--PULSE DATA HUMANWARE DEMONSTRATIONS

Quebec Room, Convention Level, Cluster 1

What new Braille technology is wireless, easy-to-use, and is the world's
smallest accessible PDA? Learn what's new at Pulse Data HumanWare.
Demonstration will be repeated again at 3:00 pm. Presenter is Jonathan
Mosen.

**10:00 am - 12:30 pm--KENNETH JERNIGAN BRAILLE CARNIVAL FOR
CHILDREN**

Riviera/South Hampton Rooms, Garden Level, Cluster 5

For children six and up; must be accompanied by Carnival buddy or other
adult.

Sponsored by NOPBC

Coordinators: Melody Lindsey, Maria Morais, and Melissa Riccobono

1:00 - 3:30 pm--MINING LOCAL FOUNDATIONS FOR YOUR AFFILIATE

Chardonnay Room, Lobby Level, Executive Conference Center

Seminar on grant writing; discuss application guidelines and the seven secret characteristics of a winning proposal.

Coordinator: Mary Brady, program officer, NFB Jernigan Institute

1:00 - 5:00 pm--ELECTION SYSTEMS USABILITY TESTING

International Room A, Exhibition Level

Come participate in usability testing on talking voting machines. Learn about the NFB's role in the Help America Vote Act, discuss issues and changes in voting technology, and gain hands-on experience with a variety of talking voting machines. All those of voting age are welcome to attend.

Coordinator: Ruth Martin, Director of Programs, NFB Jernigan Institute

1:00 - 5:00 pm--NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND ENTREPRENEURS SEMINAR

Rhine Room, Lobby Level, Executive Conference Center

James R. Bonerbo, President

1:00 - 5:45 pm--SHAPING THE PROGRAMS OF THE NFB JERNIGAN INSTITUTE: A

TOPICAL CONVERSATION AMONG NFB MEMBERS

Stockholm Room, Convention Level, Cluster 1

1:00 - 2:00--Topic: Seniors

2:15 - 3:15--Topic: Rehabilitation and Employment

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NFB JERNIGAN INSTITUTE, Cont'd.

3:30 - 4:30--Topic: Education

4:45 - 5:45--Topic: Technology

Moderators: Betsy Zaborowski, Executive Director, NFB Jernigan Institute;
and

Ruth Martin, Director of Programs, NFB Jernigan Institute

1:00 - 6:00 pm--NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND MUSICIANS SEMINAR

Picard Room, Lobby Level, Executive Conference Center

Bill McCann to give an overview of the products available from Dancing Dots and a mini training session for GoodFeel, his Braille music translation software program.

Linda Mentink, President

1:30 - 3:30 pm--MAGIC and OPENBOOK SEMINAR

Chablis Room, Lobby Level, Executive Conference Center

Demonstration of the exciting new features in the latest versions of MAGIC

screen magnification and OPENBook scanning and reading software. You can ask questions and present suggestions on new features that you would like to see in these flexible software solutions.

Presented by Freedom Scientific

1:30 - 4:30 pm--EDITORS' WORKSHOP

Calgary Room, Convention Level, Cluster 1

Barbara Pierce, editor of the *Braille Monitor*, will lead many of the discussions and exercises about editing NFB affiliate and division newsletters. We will discuss layout, using photographs, and more.

Sponsored by the Correspondence Committee.

Jerry Whittle, Chairperson

1:30 - 5:00 pm--NOPBC PARENT WORKSHOPS (each workshop has two sessions)

Beginning Braille for Parents

Tigris Room, Lobby Level, Cluster 4

Two Sessions: 1:30-3:00 and 3:30-5:00

Instructors: Caroline Rounds and Nancy Burns

**Movement, Music, and Play: The Connection to
Early Socialization Skills, 0-7**

Danube Room, Lobby Level, Cluster 4

Two Sessions: 1:30-3:00 and 3:30-5:00

Presenters: Joe Cutter and Heather Field

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NOPBC PARENT WORKSHOPS, Cont'd.

**Body Language, Gestures, and Facial Expressions: How Much
Do Blind Kids Really Need to Know? How Much Do Visually
Impaired Kids Miss?**

Marquis Ballroom 1, Convention Level

Session One: 1:30-3:00, presenters Carla and Lucas McQuillan

Session Two: 3:30-5:00, presenters Pam Allen and panel

Friendships In and Beyond the Classroom

Marquis Ballroom 1, Convention Level

Session One: 1:30-3:00, presenters Ramona Walhof and Lisamarie
Martinez

Session Two: 3:30-5:00, presenters Annee Hartzel and panel

**Socialization, Blindness, and Additional
Disabilities: There Is Hope**

Marquis Ballroom 1, Convention Level

Session One: 1:30-3:00, presenter Sheila Amato

Session Two: 3:30-5:00, presenter Mary Willows

1:30 - 5:00 pm--AUDIO DESCRIPTION: THE VISUAL MADE VERBAL

South Hampton Room, Garden Level, Cluster 5

For sighted high school students; view videos, write, and perform your own audio descriptions. Judging and awards will take place at 7:00 - 8:00 pm, same room location. All blind teens are invited to come at 7:00 pm and vote for their favorite amateur audio describer.

Cosponsored by the NOPBC and the National Captioning Institute, Described Media Department. Instructors are actor Joel Snyder (Director, Described Media) and Judy Sanders.

**1:30 - 5:00 pm--EXPLORING THE SOLAR SYSTEM: NOPBC YOUTH
SCAVENGER HUNT**

Riviera Room, Garden Level, Cluster 5

For all youth ages eight and up. Coordinators: Mildred Rivera, Melissa Williamson, Noreen Grice of the Hayden Planetarium in Boston, and Dr. Dennis Dawson, chairman of the Astronomy Department at Western Connecticut University.

1:30 - 5:00 pm--PAC MATE SEMINAR

Bonn Room, Convention Level, Cluster 3

A basic introduction to the PAC Mate, including synchronizing with the desktop PC, using the onboard application for word processing, printing/embossing, emailing, contacts, calendar, spreadsheets, and the Internet. Users will learn how to install and

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use third-party peripherals and applications such as Bluetooth, bar code scanning, Wifi cards, an audio recorder and editor, an encyclopedia, a second language speaker, and perform backup and restore.
Presented by Freedom Scientific

1:45 - 5:00 pm--WRITERS DIVISION WORKSHOP AND POETRY READING
Madrid Room, Convention Level, Cluster 1

1:45 - 3:15 pm--Workshop on communications and the media

3:30 - 5:00 pm--Poetry Reading (come one, come all)
Tom Stevens, President

3:00- 4:00 pm--PULSE DATA HUMANWARE DEMONSTRATION
Quebec Room, Convention Level, Cluster 1

What new Braille technology is wireless, easy-to-use, and is the world's smallest accessible PDA? Learn what's new at Pulse Data HumanWare. Presenter is Jonathan Mosen.

6:00 - 10:00 pm--NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GUIDE DOG USERS MEETING
Monte Carlo Room, Garden Level, Cluster 5

6:00 pm--Registration

7:00 pm--Meeting begins (including elections)

Suzanne Whalen, President

6:30 - 9:00 pm--NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND OFFICE PROFESSIONALS
Madrid Room, Convention Level, Cluster 1

6:30 pm--Registration

7:00 pm--Meeting begins (including elections)

Updates on Braille transcription training programs, presentation on the Microsoft Office user specialist certification program, and more.

Lisa Hall, President

7:00 - 8:00 pm--AUDIO DESCRIBERS REVIEW AND JUDGING
South Hampton Room, Garden Level, Cluster 5

Blind and visually impaired middle school and high school teens review the afternoon work of the sighted amateur teen audio-describers. Sponsored by NOPBC. Coordinators are Joel Snyder (Director, Described Media) and Judy Sanders.

7:00 - 9:00 pm--PAC PLAN COMMITTEE
Calgary Room, Convention Level, Cluster 1

Scott LaBarre, Chairperson

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7:00 - 10:00 pm--NOPBC FAMILY HOSPITALITY NIGHT
Riviera Room, Garden Level, Cluster 5

Everyone welcome. Relax and chat in an informal atmosphere with other parents, teachers, and blind adults. Hostess is Maria Jones; supervisor of Discovery Toys® display area is Heather Field.

7:45 pm - 12:00 Midnight--MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE?

Imperial Salon B, Convention Level

D. J. Pat Andrews plays a wide variety of popular hits from the fifties to the present. Sponsored by the National Federation of the Blind of Georgia.

8:00 - 9:00 pm--I WANNA TALK ABOUT ME

Teen Hospitality Room (contact Gail Wagner at the hotel for location)

Guided discussion group led by Melissa Williamson for all young women age 14 to 18.

Sponsored by NOPBC

8:00 - 9:00 pm--GUY STUFF

Danube Room, Lobby Level, Cluster 4

Guided discussion group led by Carl Jacobson for all young men age 14 to 18.

Sponsored by NOPBC

8:00 - 10:00 pm--AFFILIATE ACTION COMMITTEE

Trinidad Room, Convention Level, Cluster 1

Bruce Gardner, Chairperson

8:00 - 10:00 pm--ROOKIE ROUNDUP RECEPTION--GAINING INSIGHT FOR FIRST-TIMERS

Marquis Salon 1, Convention Level

If this is your first NFB convention, don't miss this event!

Pam Allen, Director of the Louisiana Center for the Blind and President of the NFB of Louisiana, Coordinator

8:00 pm - Midnight--KARAOKE NIGHT

Bonn/London Rooms, Convention Level, Cluster 3

Sing solo, form a group, or just cheer on fellow Federationists; meet current BLIND, Inc. students and alumni who will share their experiences from training; cash bar and many door prizes; admission \$5.00.

Hosted by BLIND, Incorporated (Blindness: Learning In New Dimensions)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 2004

9:00 am - 5:00 pm--REGISTRATION (\$15); BANQUET TICKET SALES (\$35.00)

Imperial Ballroom A, Convention Level

9:30 am - 5:30 pm--SENSORY SAFARI

International Rooms B and C, Exhibition Level

Sponsored by Safari Club International

9:30 am - 5:30 pm--EXHIBITS
International Ballroom, Exhibition Level